

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

114th Department Encampment



**Mt. Union College Campus
Alliance, Ohio
June 14-16, 1996**

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The 114th Annual Encampment of the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Mount Union College, in Alliance, Ohio with Department Commander James Hilton of Columbus, Ohio presiding.

The only business transacted on Friday, June 14, 1996 was the Auditing of the Department Treasurer's books by the Department Council.

Campfire

This year's Encampment was hosted by The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. At the Campfire program the Officers of the Grand Army family both on the Department and National level were introduced.

The entertainment for the evening was furnished by Keith Ashley at the piano, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Coffman playing the tuba, and Department Commander James Hilton playing his guitar, playing several selections. These Sons presented a special song to our Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert, that was enjoyed by all. Keith Ashley and his

2 daughters rendered several musical selections to finish the program. Then delicious refreshments provided by our hostesses, The Ladies of the G.A.R. were enjoyed and the evening was concluded with a time for sociability for all the members of the Grand Army Family present.

Many of the Sons continued long into the night of visiting in their sleeping rooms in McMaster Hall Dormitory

Joint Opening

Saturday June 15, 1996

The Joint Opening was held with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans in the Sons' meeting room in Hoover-Price Hall.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Coffman (as acting Chief of Staff) and Sarah Cherry the Auxiliary to the Sons Chief of Staff together conducted a very impressive Opening.

Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert of the Sone, of Chillicothe, Ohio, National President Margret Atkinson, from Pennsylvania, of the Auxiliary led the lines of Officers into the room, each paused while they were introduced and their Department Office recognized, before proceeding on to the front of the room.

Department Commander James Hilton welcomed everyone and expressed desires for a productive and enjoyable Encampment, and added a little humor, that all complaints go to Dick Greenwalt, Encampment Chairman. Department President, Wilda Brown, of Columbus, Ohio, also welcomed all and expressed wishes for a productive and happy Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief David r. Medert and the Auxiliary National President Margret Atkinson were introduced, and each expressed their appreciation for being invited to the Ohio Department and for the gracious reception that they were receiving. At the conclusion of the Joint Opening the Auxiliary members left to go to their meeting room and the Department Commander Hilton proceeded to open the 114th Encampment of the Sons.

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The elected and appointed Department Officers assumed their Stations. Department Commander Hilton appointed Past Department Commander Richard Smyer to fill the office of Chief of Staff, because of the Chief of Staff was unable to be present.

Also absent were appointed Officers – Aide decamp
Camp Chase Representative GAR Highway Officer
Johnson Island Rep. Civil War Sites Committee
Genealogist Legislative Representative and the Veterans Organizations Representative.

Department Commander Hilton appointed the following Committees to serve during the Encampment:

Credentials – Tim Park

Officers Reports _ PCC Charles Corfman; Mark Eckley; Ed Hogan

Resolutions – PDC Robert Grim; Tim Park; Mike Trowbridge

Department of Ohio Officer of the Commander

James E. Hilton
4039 Dogwood Ct.
Grove City, Ohio 43123-9679

It has been my honor to serve the Ohio Department and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this past year. I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve. I have enjoyed the year immensely. The Ohio Department is growing. I was very proud to accept the membership award at national last August for the Ohio Department. I have attempted to attend as many functions and Camp meetings as I could this year. I am sorry to say I could not get to all the camps. I feel very strongly that a Commander should visit with as many of all of the membership if at all possible. I thank you all for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to me this year.

Many thanks to all the Department Officers who served with me this year. Stay involved and get other involved. I have attempted to list the various activities I participated in this year.

- 6-18-95 elected Department Commander at the 113th Annual Encampment
- 6-24,25,26 Attended reenactment at Newark, Ohio and also helped man the sons recruiting tent.
- 6-27-95 Sent SUV brochures to Pete Carlson for recruiting purposes
- 7-1-95 Attended reunion of former students at Xenia Orphans Home
- 7-15-95 Attend living history program at McConnellsville, assisted Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in the recruiting
- 8-4-95 Attended meeting of U.S. Grant Camp in Cincinnati with Keith Ashley
- 8-9-95 Attended National Encampment at Columbus. Received the National Membership award on behalf of the Ohio Department. Was appointed as Aid de Camp in CinC Medert.

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- 8-19-95 Attended Dennison 125's annual picnic and shoot
- 9-4-95 Marched in Canal Winchester parade with Dennison 1 Camp.
- 10-17-95 Attend Burr Oak Scout Outing. Presented 18 Eagle Scout certificates. Learned how Artilleryman count with their feet, courtesy of Dennison 125 Camp and Captain Dave Medert
- 10-14-95 Attended dinner in Columbus for all State Department Heads
- 10-29-95 Attended rededication of civil War Statue in Washington C.H. with LGAR. Also attended reception for CinC Medert and LGAR President Irene Looker.
- 11-7-95 Attended meeting in McPherson Camp Toledo. Met with Officers and Council after meeting.
- 11-17,18-95 Attended Gettysburg Remembrance Day activities
- 1-9-96 Attended Officer Installation Ceremony at Dennison 125 Camp
- 1-13-96 Attended Mid-winter meeting of the Sons in Columbus
- 1-27,28-96 Traveled to Flint, MI with Cmdr. Medert for installation of officers for Gov. Crano Camp
- 2-6-96 Attended meeting of McPherson Camp in Toledo for installation of Officers
- 2-7-96 Attended meeting of Wm. Sherman Camp in Xenia for Officer Installation Ceremony.
- 2-11-96 attended Lincoln Day dinner in Mansfield with McLoughlin Camp.
- 2-14-96 Attended Lincoln Day dinner with Dennison 125.
- 4-11-96 Attended meeting and installation of new division of Camp 125, 31 new members were sworn in
- 2-9-96 Attended National Council meeting in Grove City, Ohio
- 4-13-96 Attended Installing ceremony of Eliza Garfield #142 Auxiliary in Brockville, Ohio
- 4-13-96 Traveled to Springfield, IL with CinC Medert
- 4-14-96 Attended open house at Court House in Decatur, IL/ GAR room maintained by DAR and soon to be used by Camp at SUV.
- 4-14-96 Attended the 130th annual ceremony founding the GAR in Decatur, IL
- 4-15-96 Attended Lincoln Memorial Ceremony. Placed wreath on behalf of Ohio Department in Springfield, IL
- 4-27-96 Attended parade in Chillicothe, Ohio. Rode with President Lincoln in a horse drawn Surrey

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- 5-25-96 Placed flags on C.W. veterans graves at Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus
- 5-25-96 Attended three memorial services at Greenlawn Cemetery with Dennison #1 camp.
- 5-27-96 Attended Memorial Day Ceremony at Clover Cemetery in Columbus
- 6-9-96 Attended DUV opening ceremonies in Canton/
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In additional to my duties as Department Commander. I have been serving as Aide de Camp to Commander Medert as well as serving as secretary to Dennison #1 Camp in Columbus. I am also serving on National Encampment Committee. I have been in contact with various Veterans organizations and other organizations concerning the Sons and various issues.

I would recommend that the Department a table at the Mansfield C.W. show with Allied Orders for the purpose of recruiting.

I also recommend that the Department authorize an expense account for the Department Commander. The amount would be determined by the encampment body. Traveling is getting expensive and funds usually expended come out of pocket.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you. God bless and may our order prosper.

Respectfully submitted

Cmdr. Jim Hilton

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER- Herb Webb gave an oral report.

DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Michael L. Trowbridge
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Department of Ohio
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
June 14-16, 1996

Dear Brothers,

During the past year, while serving as you Junior Vice Commander, has been a great learning year for me in this position.

Sine the Department meeting last year I have answered around 80 inquiries concerning the group in our State. Most of these have come through the National Junior Commanders position. Other have come through Michigan, Indiana, and Connecticut.

I have also participated or attended the following: Morgan County reenactment (July), Burr Oak State Park Fall Festival (October), Raid on Guyandotte, Virginia (W. VA.)

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(November), Gallipolis, Ohio Veterans Day Observance (November) Gallipolis Ohio
Federal Homecoming (April) Centerville Ohio Bean Dinner (May) Spring Hill Cemetery
Memorial Service, Huntington, West Virginia, Gallipolis, Ohio Memorial Day
Observance (May).

In Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty
Michael Trowbridge
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Ohio
SUVCW

Office of the
Dept. Secretary
Richard Greenwalt
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To the Department Commander James Hilton
Officers and Members of the Ohio Department Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War, 114th Annual Encampment

Thank you for allowing me to serve you another year as your Department Secretary.

I attended the National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio and was proud of the work done by the Ohio Committee which made the encampment a success.

I along with Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman represented the Ohio Department at the funeral of National President Irene Looker of the Ladies of the Grand Army. Her service to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army will be missed by many.

At last year's Encampment I reported we had 14 Camps with a membership of 448 on our Quarterly Report to the National Organization. I reported that we had 14 Camps with a membership of 478 including Members At Large of the Department. 31 of these are Life Members.

Due to the efforts of some of you there has been a ceremony in Hamilton, Ohio at which time some of the members of Captain John Black Camp No. 96, and others interested in our Order were attached to Camp #125 till such time that they can once again function as a Camp. I feel that when this Quarter ends on June 30th, that when I receive the necessary paperwork for these brothers and they can be added to the Department Roster, that we will have 500 members or very close to this number.

During this year we lost 5 members due to death 29 members for non-payment of dues, 3 members due to their discharge, 1 member transferred out of State.

I had reported to me 89 initiations of members and 9 reinstatements.

As of this report all Camps Quarterly report forms and the necessary checks have reached this office, with the exception of the form for the Quarter ending 31 March, from Camp 207.

Thank you, Camp Secretaries for your efforts.

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The following Brothers answered their final roll Call during the year” James Corfman Given Camp No. 51, Robert Ashley Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7, Duane Boyd, McClellan Camp N. 91, William Black James Garfield camp No. 142 and James Gabriel Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1.

Thanks to all who helped me fulfill the responsibilities of this office especially to PCC Charles Corfman and my wife Bea, for their efforts with the Department General Orders

In F.C. & L
Richard Greenwalt
Dept. Sec’y

DEPARTMENT TREASURER

To: Department Commander James Hilton
Officers and members of the Ohio Department sons of Union Veterans
Of the Civil War 114th encampment

Thank you for allowing me to serve for another year as your Department Treasurer.

This is the report of my office from June 1, 1995 to May 31, 1996.

RECEIPTS

\$	25.00 Auxiliary Love Gift
	30.00 Registration 1995 encampment
	155.00 Chief of Staff
	84.00 Patriotic Instructors Fund
	^,440.00 Per Capita and New Members fees
	76.51 Interest on Checking Account and Savings Account
	8.35 Money left from District No. 2
	15.00 Money for supplies from McClellan Camp
	<u>418.00 Members At Large</u>
\$	7,281.86

	June 1995	June 1996
Checking and Certificates of Deposit	\$4,454.02	\$6,260.61
Permanent Fund	\$7,331.53	\$735.84

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DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 190.25 1995 Department Encampment
50.00 National Patriotic Instructor Fund
53.76 National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund
500.00 National Encampment
7.00 Brooks-Grant Camp Refund
25.00 Meigs County Historical Society
5,000.00 National Organization Per Capita and new member fees
150.00 Department Commander for National Encampment
144.17 Printing General Orders
151.13 Postage of General Orders and Proceedings
12.00 Postage of Proceedings
6.00 Dave Bolt Refund
5.00 Central Region Dues
96.00 Department Supplies for National
126.78 Secretary – Postage and telephone
\$6,567.09

Respectfully submitted in F.C. and L.
Richard Greenwalt Department Treasurer

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Chief of Staff Report

1995-96

Robert W. Davis
3281 Amanda Northern Rd
Carroll, Ohio 434112

June to August – participated by serving on the committee for the 1995 National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio

September – Attended Labor Day Parade in Canal Winchester, Ohio

April-May – Assisted Franklin County Operation Flag in restoring the Alton Cemetery, Alton, Ohio

Assisted in placing flags in Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio on Civil War Veterans graves.

Attended installation ceremony of the James A. Garfield Camp #142 Auxiliary in Brecksville, Ohio

Yours in F.C. & L
Robert W. Davis
Chief of Staff
Dept. of Ohio
S.O.U.V.C.W.

DONATIONS

Gov. Wm Dennison Camp #125	\$25.00
Richard Greenwalt PDC/PCC	5.00
Richard Smyser	5.00
Chas Corfman	5.00
Howard Frost	5.00
Karl Schaeffer CC	5.00
Robert Grim PDC	10.00
Roy Smith PCC	10.00
Jason Moore PCC	5.00
Jim Hilton Dept. Comm.	10.00
Mark Eckley	5.00
Edward J Hogan PCC	5.00
Kirby Bauman	5.00
Mike Trowbridge JVC	5.00
Keith Ashley CC	5.00
Bud Atkinson PCC	4.00

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Ralph E. Mooney	5.00
David R. Medert Comm in Chief	5.00
John R. Seebert	5.00
James A Garfield Camp	10.00
Richard Orr	5.00
Herbert Webb SVC	<u>5.00</u>
	\$149.00

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT - Paul Huff **Department Patriotic Instructor gave an oral report.**

Donations

\$30.00 – Firelands Civil War Round Table – program by Paul Huff
\$ 5.00 - Richard Greenwalt
\$ 20.00 - Tim Park
\$ 5.00 - Charles Corfman
\$ 5.00 - Terry Frost
\$ 5.00 – Mark Eckley
\$ 10.00 - Roy Smith
\$ 5.00 – Richard Smyser
\$ 15.00 – Garfield Camp
\$ 10.00 – Jim Hilton
\$ 2.00 - Junior Bennett
\$ 5.00 - Karl Schaeffer
\$ 5.00 – Kirby Bauman
\$ 5.00 – Mike Trowbridge
\$ 10.00 - Herb Webb

\$137.00

To: Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
From: H. Terry Frost Ohio Department Guide

Ref: 1995 Activities

After being sworn as the Ohio Department Guide I attended the following:

July 14,15,16

Attended the Morgan County Civil War Encampment days held in McConnelsville Ohio. Various activities were held but the most of the time I was trying to keep cool due to the extreme heat. However the encampment went on. I attended a memorial service in the Veterans Park honoring both Union and Confederate Veterans.

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August 12

Attended the National Encampment of the SUV held in Columbus Ohio. Meetings were attended and several items discussed.

September 8,9,10

Checked US Rt. 6 (GAR Highway) in the following counties for GAR markers. Wood, Henry and Defiance. As of the time that I checked there were no markers found.

September 22, 23, 24

Attended a reenactment on Blennerhasset Island near Belpre Ohio. Civil War camps were set up and battles arranged. Several thousand people came to watch the battles and walk through the camps.

October 4

Attended a nature and history day at Strouds Run State Park in Athens, Ohio. Here 1,700 youths visited a Civil War Camp and had a chance to ask questions about the Civil War. When they left they had a better understanding of this period in our history.

October 6,7,8

Attended a Boy Scouts of America Encampment at Burr Oak State Park near Bishopville, Ohio. Boys Scouts from several States had a chance to visit a Civil War Camp. Demonstrations were given for the Scouts and when completed they asked questions about what they had observed.

October 13,14, 15

Attended the living history days at Burr Oak State park near Bishopville, Ohio. This event was dampened by heavy rains however it was attended by several hundred spectators who had a chance to tour a Civil War Camp.

October 18

Attended a nature and history day at Dillon Dam near Zanesville, Ohio. 1,000 youths attended this event. While there they had a chance to visit a Civil War Camp and to learn what it was like to be in the Army during this war.

October 29

Attended a rededication of a Civil War Veteran in Washington Court House, Ohio.

November 6

Attended the Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pa. I had the honor of carrying the Colors of the National CNC. Wherever he went so did I with the Colors. I attended CNC ceremonies at the Monument of the last survivor of the Gar, the Rhode Island Monument and to the Angle where our Confederate Brothers were honored. I have to say that was an Honor for me to do this not only for the CNC but to do it on such a great battlefield.

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In all of the aforementioned activities I represented the Ohio Department SUV as their Guide, Gov. William Dennison Camp 125 as their Patriotic Instructor, Battery I 1st Ohio Light Artillery as their Corporal and as a Great Grandson of 4 Union Soldiers.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

H. Terry Frost
Dept. Of Ohio Guide'
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

Department of Ohio
Sons of Union Veterans
Of the Civil War

G.A.R. Highway
1995-96

Robert W. Davis
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I INSPECTED U.S. Rt. 6 across Ohio and found the highway well surfaced.

Signs were posted in Ohio at Andover, Vermillion, Volunteer Bay, Fremont and Ederton.

Extensive correspondence and meetings with Ohio Dept. of Transportation engineer of traffic, Mr. Robert Yankovich

Conclusion: By law, traffic control devices such as sign etc. must conform to standards established in the Ohio manual of uniform traffic control devices, O.T.U.T.C.O. this manual in turn is required by law to place and maintain these devices in accordance with O.M.U.T.C.O Memorial names should neither appear on or along a highway of placed on bridges or other highway components. Requirements are best carried out by placing memorial plaques in rest areas , scenic overlooks, or other appropriates locations where parking is provided. If erection of the plaque off the road is not practicable, memorial signs may be erected on the main road provided that they are independent of other guide and directional signs. This prohibits posting of G.A.R. signs on the same post as a U.S. Route 6 sign.

Note : (1) I have copies of policies and O.M.U.T.C.D. Manual.

(2) Ohio House Bill #198, Grand Army of the Republic Highway; Markers upon said Highway. (this does not indicate the state will pay costs of signs).

(3) Correspondence with Brother Robert Karrick, James A. Garfield Camp #142, Cleveland, Ohio

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(4) Met with Brother Karrick W. May in regards to placing a sign at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Cleveland, Ohio. This is still in the planning stage.

It has given me great pleasure to serve as your G.A.R. Hwy. Officer I do have records for any further correspondence with brothers in regard to this project.

Yours in F.C. & L
Robert W. Davis
Chief of Staff
Sept. Of Ohio
S.O.U.V.C.W.

1 June 1996

To” Commander, James E. Hilton
SUVCW, Department of Ohio

Re: CAMP ORGANIZER’S REPORT

_In conjunction with Merle “Pete” Carlson, William T. Sherman Camp No. 93 Commander, an organizational meeting was held at the American Legion Post No. 741 in Bellbrook, Ohio on March 20, 1996 at 7:00pm.

The purpose of this meeting was to open a new camp in West Alexandria and Sidney, Ohio. Both locations are 35 to 45 miles from our Dayton Camp 93. We were expecting 7 to 10 SUV members from these two proposed camp locations, but due to a terrible snowstorm that hit north and west of Dayton, the only men who made this meeting were active Camp 93 members. I drove 200 miles in this storm from Massillon to Bellbrook. Which took almost 8 hours. I bought the necessary forms, “organizer’s Report Of” and “Application for Camp Charter” and all data that was necessary to form these two camps.

Pete Carlson has five members from one family who are members of Camp 93, but the 45 mile trip is too far to attend camp meetings and functions, so a new camp in West Alexandria makes a lot of sense.

<u>Father:</u>	James D. Johnson	7038 U.S. Rt. 35 East West Alexandria, OH 45381
<u>Sons:</u>	Jeffery D. Johnson	7295 U.S. Rt. 35 East West Alexandria, Ohio 45381
	Michael L. Johnson	1166 State Rt. 503 North West Alexandria, OH 45381
	Philip C. Johnson	5001 Boone Drive

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West Alexandria, OH 45381

Brother of James D. Johnson:

Charles M. John II

325 Little League Drive
Eaton, OH 45320

Other SUV members are Edward L. Corey, P.O. Box 191, 2001 Main Street, Eldorado, OH 4532-0191 and Donald Thomas Robertson, 296 Diamond Mill Road, New Lebanon, OH 45354.

Per Pete Carlson, James D. Johnson firmly believes that being he is located in a central area, that there are too many prospects in the West Alexandria and the Sidney area to form two new camps!

The status at this date is unknown, as Pete Carlson has recently moved to Michigan and we should be apprised at our Department of Ohio Encampment in Alliance, OH on June 14-16, 1996.

In F.C. & L
Karl F. Schaeffer
Camp Organizer 1995-96
McClellan Camp 91 Commander 1995-96

1996 REPORT OF HISTORIAN OF OHIO DEPARTMENT S.U.V.C.W.

Keith D. Ashley

I have been working diligently to locate the names, numbers and locations of all the past S.U.V. Camps in Ohio. I contacted the national secretary, who has been most helpful. I combined what he sent me with the material I found at the Ohio Historical Society from three old Ohio Dept. S.U.V. Journals of Proceedings. My guess is that I now have over 90% of this complete. Difficult lies in the re-issuing of number to new camps as old camps disbanded.

I have been heavily occupied with the pending destruction of Ohio's only Civil War battlefield – Buffington Island at Portland, Meigs County Ohio. This battle involved 10,000 soldiers and was significant in ending all hopes of the Confederacy to rebound from the losses two weeks earlier at Gettysburg and Vicksburg and thus ended the offensive tactics north of the Mason-Dixon Line and the Ohio River. I recommend the following actions to the Ohio Department at this Encampment.

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1. Pass a resolution supporting the preservation of the Buffington Island battlefield.
 2. Send a letter to all Ohio S.U.V. camps to pass similar resolutions and send them to their Ohio legislators
 3. Organize the presidents of all the Ohio Allied Orders and other Civil War groups to meet with Ohio governor's office to express the need of the State of Ohio to protect this area.
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In order to carry out my work, I need letterhead Stationary. Writing letters on plain stationary gives the Ohio Department a poor image. I ask that a generic stationary be printed and provided to Ohio Dept. Officers.

I have also been working to locate descendants of Gen. Philip Sheridan. This is a slow process as they have scattered. I would welcome any help on this project. One member, Fred Crenshaw of Brooks-Grant Camp and a resident of Maryland, has helped.

I also had ribbons for this encampment printed. I was quite shocked to learn the much higher costs for this year. Despite this, these are still an important addition to our encampments, and I recommend that we continue this practice.

I also recommend that the Ohio Department issue a roster of camps and camp officers for the use by Ohio Department Officers and camps. The roster I am currently using is several years old.

I was active in writing to the Ohio Genealogical Society President Mary Bowman, expressing concerns toward their new Civil War organization. The Ohio Genealogical Society set up this new group so that it could fulfill their purposes and yet not compete with the Allied Orders. This new group requires FULL genealogical proof on all generations from the applicant to the Civil War Ancestor. The ancestor, direct or collateral, must be connected in some way to Ohio. The ancestor must have lived in, served in, died in, or was buried in Ohio. The ancestor can be military service or patriotic service to either Union or Confederate Forces. To show my support for the group, I joined using both my federal Union Soldier and my Meigs County Militia ancestor. I urge the new Ohio Dept. commander to attend the next Ohio Genealogical Society convention for the induction of the first members to this group and perhaps send an S.V.R. honor guard.

I also recommend that the Ohio Department become active in the April celebration of Gen. Grant at Pt. Pleasant, Ohio. It is important that the S.U.V. be prominent in some way. Currently there is no actual formal ceremony, which may be the way that we could participate.

I have not been able to work on the project of locating G.A.R. Halls and monuments in Ohio. This work will begin this next year.

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Participations for 1995-96
Keith Ashley

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1. National Encampment delegate and pianist
 2. Frost Auxiliary in July
 3. National S.V.R. in McConnellsville
 4. 4. Re-enactment of Buffington Island
 5. All meetings of Brooks-Grant Camp
 6. Attended ceremonies at Sherman House for Sherman stamp
 7. Re-enactment at Columbia Springs, TN in October
 8. Chester, Ohio Memorial Day Parade
 9. Planned and attended the Meigs County Civil war services at the County Civil War monument in Pomeroy
 10. Attend the Ohio D.U.V. convention June 9-11 and served as pianist
 11. Attended the Gallipolis Living History April 27-28
 12. Set up S.U.V. membership table at Ohio Genealogical Society convention on April 19-20
 13. Attended re-enactment at Carnifax Ferry in September 1995
 14. Attended re-enactment and set up membership table at Blennerhasset Island September 1995
 15. Attended Re-enactment at Grassy Run in Clermont County in April to meet with a person to organize a possible new camp.
 16. Attended the Mansfield Civil War Show
 17. Attended the dinner to honor Ohio Dept. Commander Jim Hilton.
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1996 REPORT ON CAMP BRUCK #96 OF HAMILTON

Keith D. Ashley

I wrote to every member of Bruck Camp to try to see who was still interested. I quickly found out that there was a power struggle between two members. It appears that one member, William Moore, has been using the camp flags for Civil War Festivities and using the camp name. Another member, Michael Cupp, claims to own these flags. There is no doubt that these flags were owned by the camp. The incoming commander will need to locate these flags as well as the camp charter and collect them.

Commander Hilton then asked for Communications.

The Department Secretary Dick Greenwalt presented to the encampment the following from his correspondence:

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1. Department Commander Hilton's 3rd General Order
 2. From Harrison Scott Baker a copy of a recruiting pamphlet which he proposed that the department might consider adopting.

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3. A letter from Chip Horr, regarding the proposed Camp at Portsmouth
 4. An excellent copy of a newsletter from Henry Casey Camp No. 92
 5. An appeal from the National patriotic Instructor, David Turpin, urging not only financial support, but also that the Sons get involved in some area of public education to help keep Patriotism alive
 6. A great deal of material from David Porter Camp No. 16, Department of Indiana, regarding the Central Region Conference, which is held in Chesterton, Indiana October 5 & 6 1996
 7. An endorsement from the Department of Maryland for Col. Andrew M. Johnson for the office of Jr. Vice Commander in Chief at the National Encampment
 8. A letter from Meigs County Museum in Pomeroy, Ohio urging that we do all we can to support the Preservation of the Buffington Island Battlesight.
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The following resolutions were read and referred to the Resolutions Committee. These resolutions were approved by the committee with a few word changes and additions, then voted on by the Encampment and unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 1 presented by Department Senior Vice Commander Herbert Webb.
Whereas, The Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the legal heir of the heritage, traditions and property of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And Whereas The deed of conveyance of the property of the Ohio soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home from the Grand Army of the Republic to the State of Ohio provided for the education and vocation would revert to the Grand Army of the Republic in the event the home was closed

And whereas, The State of Ohio has closed the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home (more recently the Ohio Veterans Children's Home.)

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, approve and establish a charitable Foundation to provide for the education and vocational training of needy children of Ohio war Veterans. The foundation to be known as

The Department of Ohio Gar Memorial Foundation
For needy children of Ohio war Veterans

The purpose of this foundation is to honor and perpetuate the charitable goals of our forefathers who established the Ohio Soldiers and sailors Orphans Home for the orphaned children of veterans of the Civil War by providing for the education and vocational training of needy children of Ohio war Veterans.

Resolution No. 2 presented by Department Historian Keith Ashley

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Whereas, the need for a swift, effective communication is essential to the operation of any organization: and

Whereas, the need to correspond between camps in the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is difficult since there is no recent Ohio Department Camp roster; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans shall publish annually a roster of the names of following camp officers in the Ohio Department, their addresses, and their telephone numbers, commander, senior vice commander, junior vice commander, secretary and treasurer and be it further:

Resolved, that the camp roster shall include times of regular camp meetings as well as the place of meetings, if possible, the application fee of the camp and its annual camp dues.

RESOLUTION No. 3 presented by Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7 Keith Ashley –
Commander

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Battle of Buffington Island at Portland, Meigs County, Ohio, fought on July 19, 1863, is the only Civil War battle in the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, the Battle of Buffington Island with it approximately 10,000 combatants was significant in ending any hope of the Confederate States of America to recuperate from the losses at the Battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg; and

Whereas, the site of the Battle of Buffington Island is now threatened with destruction by the opening of sand and gravel pits; and

Whereas, Civil war sites are the most popular tourist sites in the United States thus making the Buffington Island battle extremely important to tourism in Meigs County, Ohio; and

Whereas, destruction of important historical sites teaches our children disrespect for the heritage of our county; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Brook-Grant Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War supports the archeological study and preservation of the site of the Battle of Buffington Island.

Signed Keith D. Ashley
Teddy L Barnes, Sec'y

The following resolution No. 4 was read, referred to the Committee then presented on the floor of the Encampment and was unanimously approved by those present, with directions to the Department Secretary to send a copy of the National Secretary so it will be read at the National Encampment and acted upon by that body.

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RESOLUTION NO. 4 presented by Department Counselor Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman.

Whereas, The PROCEEDINGS of encampment from 1982 to the present time (with the exception of 1983 & 1986) remain unpublished with their actions and decisions hidden from the world; and

Whereas Despite a diligent effort by concerned persons, vital changes to the Constitution and Regulations remain hidden in these unpublished manuscripts;

We the Department of Ohio Resolve: That no additional changes be made to the Constitution and Regulations be made until such time as all Past PROCEEDINGS are published and made available for review.

Furthermore:

We resolve that each change of the C&R found in these PROCEEDINGS that has not been incorporated into the present C&R be re-ratified by the next following National Encampment before being made a part of the C&R.

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Sent by the Department Secretary as re-written.

ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE ENCAMPMENT

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1. Recognized the following national Officers in attendance; Commander-i-Chief David R. Medert of Chillicothe, Ohio, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr of Pennsylvania, National Treasurer Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Coffman of Holmesville, Ohio, National Quartermaster Elmer "Bud" Atkinson of Pennsylvania
 2. Show appreciation for Department Commander James Hilton for his good work with a standing ovation at the conclusion of his report.
 3. Present Camp No. 125 with the plaque for the largest gain in membership, mainly for a gain in the Portsmouth division.
 4. Acknowledged Keith Ashley in recruiting 15 new members
 5. Approved the sum of \$500.00 to be used by the host committee toward expenses of the 1996 National Encampment to be held in Columbus, Ohio August 9,10 and 11, 1996 at the Radisson Hotel. Columbus.
 6. Approved a donation of \$50.00 for the National Patriotic Instructor
 7. Approved the sum of \$50.00 for the Sr. Vince Commander-in-Chief.
 8. Approved the sum of 4150.00 toward the expense of the Department Commander for his attendance at the National Encampment.
 9. Approved the expenditure of up to \$200.00 for the incoming Department Commander toward his Department Expense.
 10. Approved the purchase of ribbons for the 1997 Encampment

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11. Recognize Brother Roy Smith with a standing ovation, Brother Roy is 93 years young and is an active member of McClellan Camp No.91 of Alliance, Ohio and attends Department and national Encampments.
 12. Brother Chip Horr was appointed by the Department Commander Hilton as Camp Organizer for the proposed Camp in the Portsmouth area, to be composed of the newly initiated members of camp No. 125, Portsmouth Division.
 13. Department urged to support with members, time and perhaps financial contributions towards recruiting at the annual Civil War Gun Show at Mansfield, Ohio.
 14. PDC Charles Coffman and the Department Secretary Dick Greenwalt were authorized to issue General Orders of the Department Commander at the best cost available. This in view of new Postal Regulations for the mailing of such which goes in effect July 1, 1996.
 15. Incoming Department Commander to work to claim any property still at Xenia Home which belonged to the G.A.R. and with the G.A.R. Memorial Foundation, which he is promoting.
 16. Approved the report of the Audit Committee which reported favorably after their audit of the Department Treasurer's Financial Books.
 17. Approved the report of the Officers Reports Committee and expressed appreciation for the service that all had rendered
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It was an honor to have Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert, of our Ohio Department Camp #125, in attendance, In his remarks, he announced that as of the last quarterly report of the National Organization, there were 19 Departments – 162 Camps – 4,689 members. He expressed the hope that this Quarter's report would show a membership of more than 5,000. He said that he was sorry to see the number of members being lost for non-payment of dues and wondered if enough effort was being exerted to keep these men as members. In his remarks, he also said he wondered if Camp meetings and Camp activities were interesting enough to hold members. He expressed appreciation for the efforts of his Staff and urged all to try to attend at least part of the National Encampment Aug 8-11, 1996 in Columbus, Ohio, saying that it would not be closer the next few years. He also told us that one of the items would be voted on would be the proposed National Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr was present and replied to questions asked of him in regard to the wording of 2 of the Resolutions that were presented to this Encampment. During his remarks, he thanked the Encampment for its hospitality, and told us that our Department was nearer to him than was his own PA Encampment. He also said that more Ohio members should come to the Ohio Encampment. He talked about the proposed Civil War Museum and National Headquarters proposed to be in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief and National Quartermaster "Bud " Atkinson was also called upon to make a few remarks. "Bud" said "That he had been to the Encampment before here in Ohio, and that he always enjoyed himself and more to come". He told a little about the work load of the National Quartermaster, and also about the program of the

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National Organization issuing Certificates to the eagle Scouts, he stressed the importance and potential benefits of this program.

SATURDAY EVENING – THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ALLIED ORDERS FAMILY.

The annual banquet this year was hosted by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. After a delicious meal, each leader of the Department's were introduced, who in turn introduced their staffs, their Past President and past Commanders, and each saying a few remarks. Then each introduced their Nat'l Leaders, who also gave appropriate remarks. The Program of the evening was a style show of Civil War gowns, Civil War era Children's clothes and Civil war uniforms each being described and explained of Ranks, it was all narrated which added to the enjoyment and education of all. A special thanks for the SVR members, under the command of Brig. Gen'l Coffman for serving as the Color Guard in posting the Colors.

Much was added to the evening, at the conclusion of the Banquet and entertainment. The Department Commander and Department President were honored at McMasters Hall in the Lounge with a social time, and refreshments hosted by the Auxiliary with Sarah Cherry – Dept. Chief of Staff doing the serving, and arrangements.

SUNDAY MORNING _ The Annual Memorial Service of the Allied Orders was held under the Leadership of the Dept. Chaplain of the Ladies.

Brothers who answered their Final Muster Call was read:

Robert Ashley - Brooks-Grant Camp No. 7
Duane Boyd - McClellan Camp No. 91
William Black – James Garfield No. 142
James Gabriel _ Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1

The final order of business on the 1996 Ohio Department Encampment was the nomination and election of Officers. The following officers were elected and appointed by our incoming Commander Herbert Webb. They were installed by Commander-in-Chief David Medert, assisted by Installing Chaplain Charles Coffman, Installing Guide PCC Elmer Atkinson.

1996-1997 Department Officers:

Commander	Herbert Webb	2170 Brookridge Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45431 Phone 513-426-1438
Sr. Vice Commander	Keith Ashley	34465 Crew Rd. Pomeroy, Ohio 45769 Phone 614-444-5290
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Council	Richard Smyer	1201 Suffield Circle, Canton, Ohio 44708 Phone 330-477-3261
Council	PDC Robert Grim	5367 St. Rt. 725 Sabina, Ohio 45169 Phone 513-584-4622
Council	PDC James Hilton	4039 Dogwood Ct. Grove City, Oh 43123

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Counselor	PDC Charles Coffman	9057 St. Rt. 83 Holmesville, OH 44633 Phone 330-279-4293
Guide	John Seibert	P.O. Box 9311 Akron, Oh 44305
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Civil War Sites		
Johnson Island	Robert Hazel	PO Box 20 Luckey, Oh 43443
Camp Dennison	Robert Hazel	
Camp Chase	Gregory Brown	3561 Triton Ct Westerville, OH 43081
Buffington Is.	Keith Ashley	34465 Crew Rd. Pomeroy, Oh 45769
Xenia Home	C. Herbert Webb	2170 Brookridge Dr. Dayton Oh 45431
Historian	Keith Ashley	34465 Crew Rd Pomeroy, Oh 45769
Genealogist	Eric Nagel	5525 Neville St Dayton Oh 45424
Grave Register	Tim Park	434 Cline Ave. Mansfield, Oh 44907
Resolutions	PDC Robert Grim	5367 St. Rt. 725 Sabina, Oh 45169

The Department Commander Herbert Webb had his wife pin on his Department Commander Badge.

The Auxiliary members finished their Installation so were invited into the Sons Installation. Many were there.

This concluded the business of the 114th Ohio Department Encampment

PCC/PDC Richard Greenwalt

Ohio Department Secretary

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